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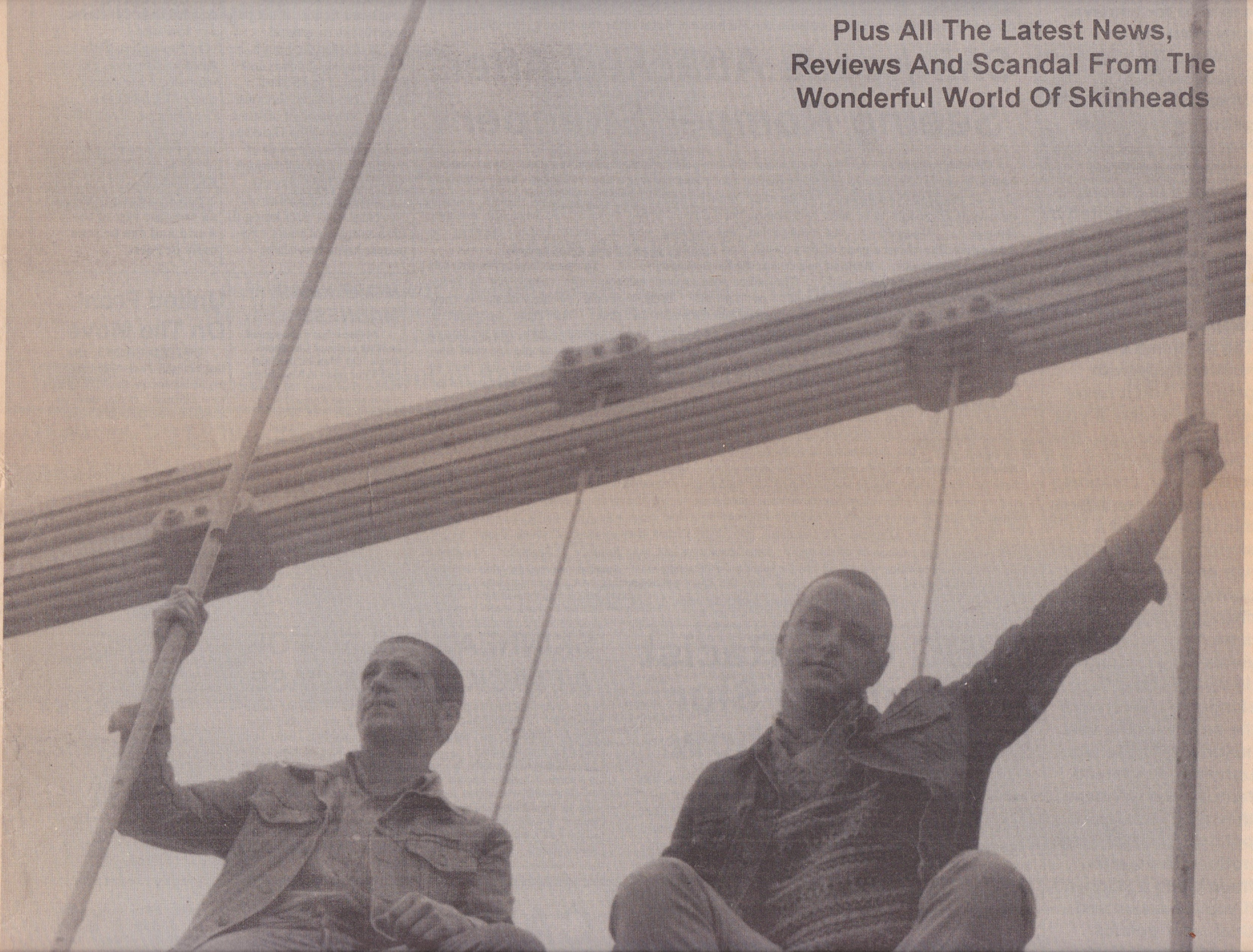
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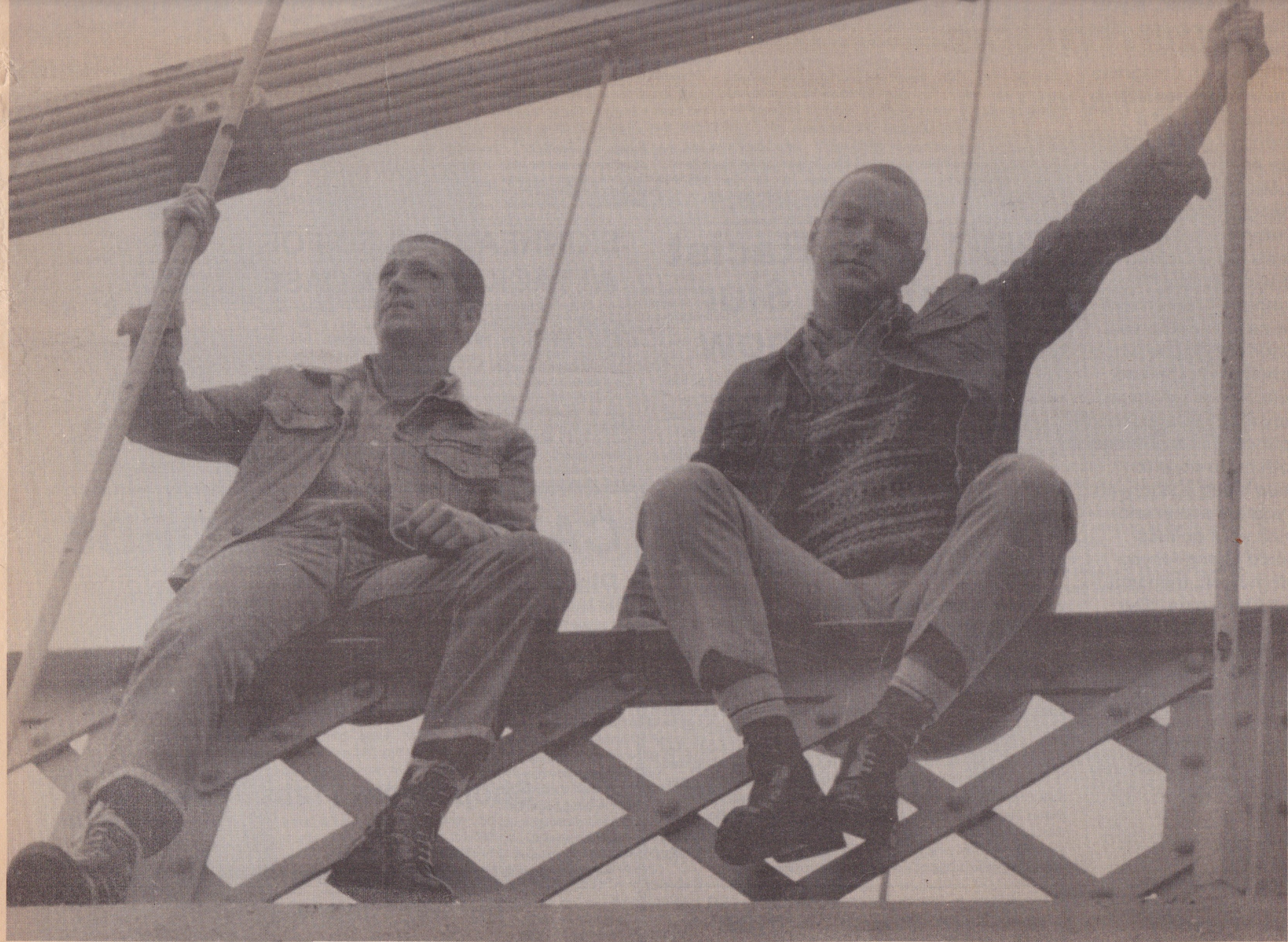
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Skinheads are just blokes and birds who choose to follow a certain dress style. They aren't aliens from out of space, although the mugs in the media might tell you otherwise. And just like everyone else, skinheads have the right to believe whatever they want. In a free society that's exactly how it should be too.

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Skinheads Attacked After Seeing Romper Stomper

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All over Europe and beyond, placard-waving moral guardians have been standing outside cinemas in an attempt to stop people seeing it. Their hypocrisy is deafening. Most of the bastards haven't even seen the film so don't know what they are trying to stop. And the chosen

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The same hypocrites will tell you quite rightly not to judge people by the colour of their skin, and then go on to demonstrate their own prejudices by judging people by what they wear. They tell you not to believe what the newspapers say about them, and then swallow the tabloid image of what a skinhead is without even beginning to question it. The

• Eric Donaldson, the reggae star best known for *Cherry Oh Baby*, Max Romeo and Bunny Wailer, were among the stars at the São Luis Reggae Festival which took place in Brazil in November.

CULT AUTHOR RICHARD ALLEN DIES

RICHARD ALLEN, the author who wrote the million selling *Skinhead* novel, has died at the age of 71.

As regular readers will know, Richard Allen was in fact a pen name used by Canadian author James Moffatt to write 18 novels about British youth cults. In total, he wrote over 400 books under different names during three decades of writing, and was widely regarded as the king of youth cult fiction, if not pulp paperbacks in general.

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really was, and his kindness and thoughtfulness will be remembered by all who knew him.

The Complete Richard Allen Volume Three book, which will now be published in January, will be accompanied by a three track tribute EP which will be sent free with the first 1,000 copies sold. As well as the previously announced tracks by Arthur Kay & The Originals and The Chosen, The Oppressed have donated their Oi! classic, *Joe Hawkins*.

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The scene was to appear as part of the drama series, *Between The Lines*, which deals with corruption within the police force, and is one of the better programmes on TV today. This particular episode dealt with an undercover policeman who dressed as a skinhead to infiltrate an extreme right-wing organisation.

The edited part featured the skinhead doing press ups, and in the background was a clearly identifiable poster of skinheads with the words RACE IS OUR RELIGION above their heads. In fact the poster featured Glasgow skins dancing at a Laurel Aitken gig. Apparently, when a poster of Nazi skinheads could

not be found, someone at the BBC thought any poster of skinheads would be fine once the racist wording had been added. It's unlikely that any other minority group would have been treated in such a manner. Certainly, the fact that the poster now labelled the skinheads as racists did not seem to bother anyone until complaints were made following its showing on a promotional clip.

The programme's producer, Peter Norris, was at first reluctant to edit the scene. However, when it was pointed out that he wouldn't have been too pleased to see his face on TV for 15 seconds with the words CHILD MOLESTER or MUGGER above it, he agreed that a mistake had been made. After cutting the scene and ensuring that the trailer would not be repeated, he offered "many apologies" for the use of the poster.

Arthur Kay is to launch his own record label next Easter called Harry Monk International. The first release will be the Originals' album, *Count Of Clerkenwell*.

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BANNED FROM THE PUBS

RON ROUMAN, *Oil* legend extraordinaire, has resurfaced with the launch of the *Harry May Record Co.*, the label that gave us *The Business' Saturday's Heroes* back in 1985.

And he's not hanging about either. January sees the release of two *Business* CDs. *There's In And Out Of Business* which was only ever available as a 500 vinyl limited edition release, and now has five bonus tracks. And 1980-81 *Official Bootleg*, which has all 21 tracks by the original line-up of *The Business*.

Meanwhile, Ron may well appear in the next *Guinness Book Of Records*. In 1993, he was banned from an incredible 72 pubs. Rumours that he is back in the music business to help pay child maintenance for numerous "love children" could not be confirmed at the time of going to press. "He's down the pub," his irate secretary told us.

Putting The Boot In

There seems to be no stopping the humble Doc Marten boot. Demand for Air Wair boots has never been so high and the factory just cannot cope with demand. Shellys of London say they they could sell as many as three times as many boots as they are able to get at the moment.

More worrying is just how trendy DM boots are getting. Everyone from bank managers to the anti-soap brigade are wearing them. Some of the new styles and colours are obviously the product of very sick minds - as is the new line in clothing.

Still, it's good to see the Beazer Home Football League's cup has a new sponsor. It's now called the Dr. Marten's Cup. Should attract a few more skins to non-league footie anyway.

COCK SPARRER RECORD

NEW ALBUM

•If you're looking for old records, try Harvey Jackman, 32 Whitehead Crescent, Wootton, Isle Of Wight. PO33 4JF. England. He puts out regular lists for mod, ska, punk and other releases and is as reliable as they come. For his latest lists send a SSAE (UK only) or an IRC (overseas). Let him know what lists you're interested in when writing.

•100 Men, who are currently on tour in Europe with top American soul band, Durango 95, were refused entry into the USA in August because they had no work permits. Customs officials put them on the first plane back to Gatwick when they discovered suitcases full of tour merchandise. The band should make it to France in January though for gigs in Paris (26), Rains (27) and Nancy (28).

Ian Stuart Killed In Car Crash

IAN STUART, lead singer with Nazi band *Skrewdriver* and founder of *Blood & Honour*, was killed in a car crash during the early hours of September 24th 1993.

He was travelling in a car with four other people,

heading for a BNP rally in Blackpool. The car overturned and crashed, killing another passenger instantly. Ian Stuart, 36, died later in hospital. No other vehicles were involved in the accident.



Above: Scooter skin Leon Westerhof from Holland on his Henkel Tourist

THE WORLD LEAGUE OF SCOOTER SKINS is now firmly

Skinheads On Tour

News has just arrived of the two camping trips organised by Andi of *Rangerskins* fame.

Last August he was back in France for a week of sun and fun with another motley crew of drunken skins who had travelled from all over Europe. Sounds like they had a great time too - beer and ice cream, mountaineering, visits to breweries, table football, and plenty more besides.

The October trip to Scotland wasn't helped by the rain, but it hasn't stopped Andi's planning another two bumper camping holidays for next year. Easter '94, and you'll find him in Ireland and then in the Summer it's off to central Europe, destination to be decided. For more info write to Andi *Rangerskins*, The Gamekeepers, Mapledurwell, Basingstoke, Hants. RG25 2LU. England.

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What Their Papers Say

Judging by the pile of cuttings we've received since our last round-up of press nonsense, it seems that skinheads are misrepresented the world over.

The latest angle for the media is so-called gay skinheads. There was even a TV show earlier this year on which Nicky Crane, the white power skinhead who appeared on the cover of *Strength Thru' Oi!* admitted he was queer along with others from both the BNP and SHARP.

Nicky Crane actually died earlier this month and I've no interest in slagging the dead. I don't have a problem with gays anyway. As Judge Dread said, the more queers there are, the more women for the rest of us.

But when it comes to yet another group using our cult to further their own beliefs, then

they can fuck off with the politicians. And the fact is, a queer with a shaven head and boots, dancing to techno beat in a gay bar, does not a skinhead make. Not now, not ever.

Deadline magazine took the biscuit by saying "If you see a skinhead he's far more likely to be a faggott than a fascist". Yeah, and Elvis Presley is alive and well, working in a pizza shop in Santa Monica.

More rubbish comes from *The Denver Post*. According to its on the ball reporter, reformed racist Greg Withrow is "widely acknowledged as the man who founded the skinhead movement

in 1978." Make mine with extra cheese Elvis me old mucker.

And what would a look at the 'papers be without a word for *The Sun*. Not that I would buy it by the way, especially after Bushell cost me £25,000 by giving one point too many to some tart on a TV quiz show (it's a long and bitter story). Even Smiffy, the Chelsea skin, denied buying it. when he sent cuttings from "his Mum's" copies. What we would all like to know is why does cartoonist Tom Johnston use skinheads to portray every young criminal going? As Smiffy says, maybe a skin got his missus or daughter pregnant and did a runner. Or maybe Mr. Johnston is just a big Elvis fan. We should be told.

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There is also talk of a tour of Germany with maybe one gig in Belgium or Holland too, but at the time of writing only one date has been confirmed. It's on February 25th 1994 at Jugendzentrum Westend on Luisenstrasse in Mönchengladbach. Support bands are expected to be hardcore and punk bands. The album should be out during early '94.

For the latest in international scootering, check out the monthly glossy magazine *Scootering* - which also does a good job of keeping you up to date with street music too. For subscription details, write to Scootering, P.O. Box 46, Weston-Super-Mare, Avon. BS23 1AF, England.

THE MACC LADS have gone CD mad with a further four releases finding their way into all bad record shops (and some of the good ones too). Look out for *20 Golden Crates*, *An Orifice And A Genital*, *Beer Sex Chips 'N' Gravy* and *Bitter, Fit Crack* from the dirty northern bastards.

□ SH*M 69 have yet another live album in the pipeline, this time from Captain Oi!. *Live At The Marquee 1977* is previously unreleased and remains totally unedited so you can

☐ **VICE SQUAD** see *Shot Away*
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KEEPING PUNK ALIVE!

The Ultimate Ska Train

American ska fans were treated to one of the all-time great tours during October and November.

The Skavoovie tour took in 21 major cities and featured The Skatalites, The Special Beat, The Selecter, The Toasters and local ska bands.

Top gigs were in Provo, Utah, where 1300 people saw the bands play in a rodeo barn, the Avalon Ballroom in Boston, Denver and San Francisco. Not surprisingly, The Skatalites stole the show, with the highlight being Lloyd Knibb's son Dion guesting on vocals for a dynamite version of The Wailers' *Simmer Down*.

The Special Beat, who were joined by Dave Wakeling for both L.A. shows, announced that it will be their last tour. Rankin' Roger plans to reform General Public.

Good to hear that The Toasters, now with Coolie Ranks back in the fold, and The Selecter settled their differences over the tour merchandise mentioned last issue.

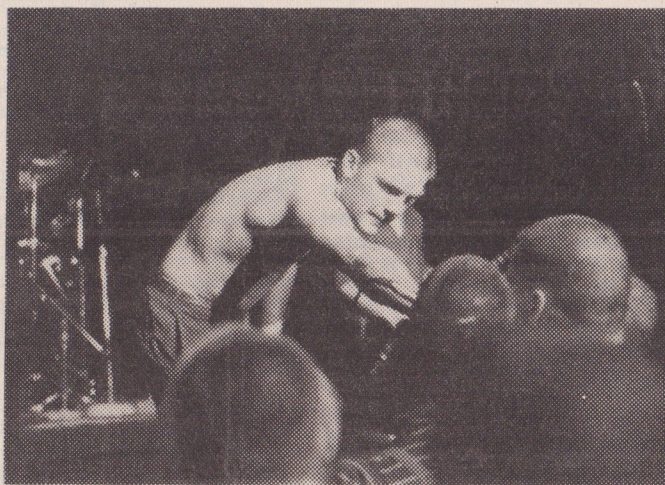
Plans for Skavoovie 1994 are already being made with talk of some very big names being brought in. Stay tuned for more info. Meanwhile, because no Skavoovie date could be booked for Florida, a Moon

Records package will be heading there in February.

The Skatalites' new album, *Skavoovie* is out now on Shanachie / Moon. Several members of the band will also make guest appearances on The Toasters' forthcoming *Dub 56* album.

•Skavoovie tour merchandise, including hats, t-shirts, stickers and posters is still available. For a complete list send a SSAE (US only) or an IRC (overseas) to Moon Records, P.O. Box 1412, Cooper Station, New York, NY 10276. USA.

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•DANIEL POLLOCK, the Aussie actor who played Davey in *Romper Stomper*, committed suicide during

including debut albums from Pressure 28 and Brainsdance. Any Oi! or street punks looking to get material released should send demos to Helen Of Oi!, Flat 3, 15 Spring Gardens, Ventnor, Isle Of Wight. PO38 1QX. England.

•SHAVE is a new skinhead non-organisation, standing for Skinheads Against Virtually Everything. For details send a

Baker (he of *Sniffin' Glue* and Daz washing powder fame) and sang a Beatles' number and Morrissey's *Suedehead*.

•STEP-1 will be releasing a new collection of Oi! and punk bands in the new year called *Oi! The Next Generation*. On it are Argy Bargy, The Elite, Brainsdance, Close Shave, The Straw Dogs and Pressure 28.

•DURANGO 95 will appear on a

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STEP CD 22 VARIOUS OI! - Pop Oi! / Oi! Oi! Oi!
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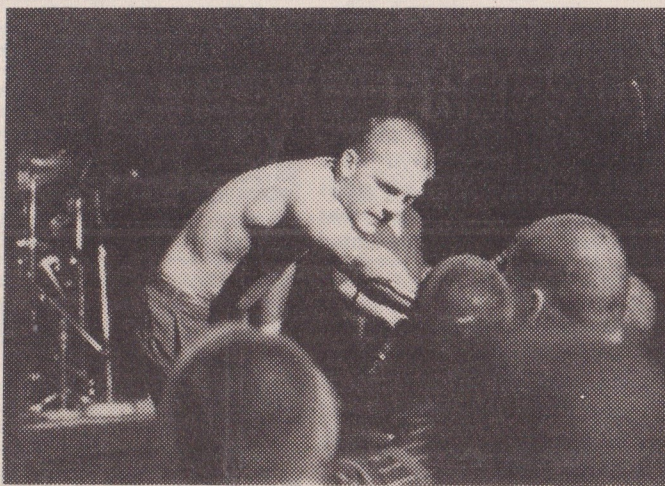
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Sadly, we can't arrange for various bands to play in your back garden, but what we have done is put four bands on an EP and sent it to all subscribers. So most of you will be lucky enough to have a black piece of vinyl all ready to give your record player a thorough testing.

Our aim wasn't to give you four classics from established bands. We wanted to give up and coming bands some promotion and that's what we've done.

Klasse Kriminale aren't exactly new to the skinhead world and most of you will know their name. But too many people haven't heard them because they can't be bothered writing to Italy for their records. Big mistake! And one we hope to rectify with *Generazione Distruttiva* which will appear on their new album.

Pressure 28 made quite an impact on the Oi! world during 1993, but just in case you haven't caught up with them yet, here's the previously unreleased 1993!

Intensified are one of the unsung heroes of British ska who are doing their best to get away from the bland sound adopted by so many of today's newcomers to blue beat. *Sea Of Love* is the unreleased track on offer here.

And last, but not least, meet Ireland's Gangsters - probably the least known band on the EP. They began life two years ago in Coco the singer's garden shed and have since been on Irish TV and radio, and reached the finals of the national Battle Of The Bands competition. Rest

assured, you'll be hearing a lot more from these boys. For starters, check out their vinyl debut, *Can U Feel It*.

Just so you know the score on the single, the bands paid all recording costs, *Skinhead Times* paid all the manufacturing costs and you the subscribers are paying the postage costs because it is going out as issue 13 of this newspaper. That means the next issue of *Skinhead Times* will be issue 14.

Remember, it's only a sampler EP - it's not meant to be the band's at their very best or the best the skinhead world has to offer. But let the bands know what you thought of their tracks so they know what the reaction has been. Their contact addresses are:

- Klasse Kriminale, Marco Balestrino, C.P. 426 (Centrale), 17100 Savona. Italy.
- Pressure 28, Kev Gough, Flat 2, Stanley Place, Salop Road, Oswestry, Salops. SY11 2RG. England.
- Intensified, Steve Harrington, 82 Church Road, Folkestone, Kent. CT20 3EN. England.
- Gangsters, Ronan O'Donnell, 1 Clonard Road, Sandycroft Road, Dublin 16. Ireland.

If you aren't a subscriber and want the single, unlucky. There are none left. And if you have only just subscribed you are probably just as unlucky because we only pressed enough for those who were in the subscription book by the end of October. A few late-comers will have got one too, but there are now no copies left.

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•In Ireland, visiting skins should try the Fox & Pheasant in Dublin on Saturdays, the Laurences Inn in Drogheda and Stirrups or O'Rourke's in Newbridge. Cheers to Barry Ruane for the tip-offs. If there's a decent pub in your town or city where skins can get a decent pint and maybe meet up with the local crew, let us know and we'll list them.

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DOING THE BUSINESS

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Anyone who has written to the band's P.O. Box address, but hasn't had a reply yet, don't worry. They

have been waiting to get the single sorted out and will be answering all letters as soon as that's done. If you want to be added to the mailing list send a SAE (UK) or an IRC (overseas) to The Business, P.O. Box 3532, London. SE12 0HX. England.

Disappointment of the year had to be the cancellation of The Business' gig with Boots & Braces in Germany with only days to spare because of problems with the local town council. The good news is the gig is

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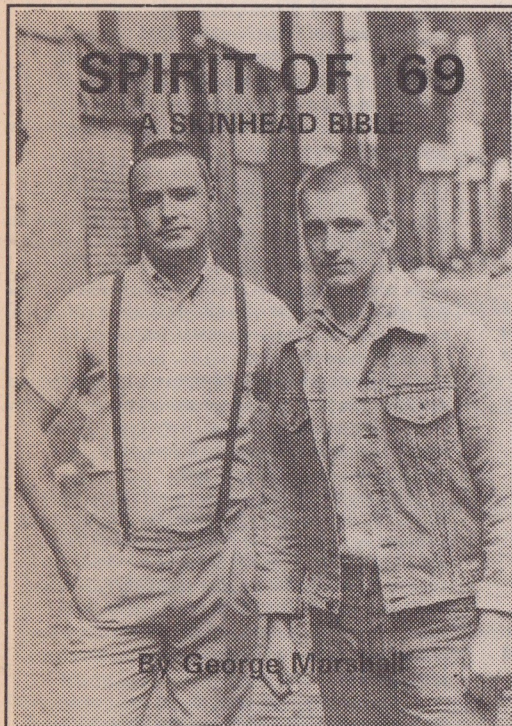


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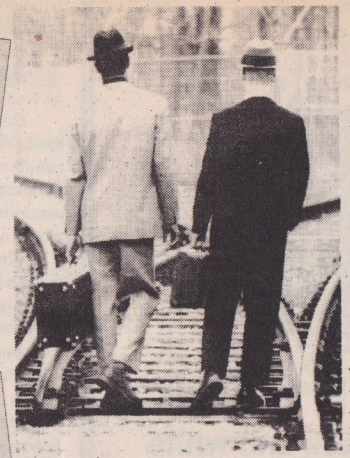
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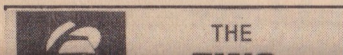
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What Really Happened In The Seventies

As anyone in the media will tell you, we are in the middle of a Seventies Revival. But what they conveniently forget is that it was the skinhead cult attracted most kids during that decade. Thousands of kids cropped their hair and said fuck off to the hippies, disco kids and other nobodies. So here's a couple of articles aimed at letting you know what really happened in the 1970s.

With all this talk of a Seventies revival, and the media and fashion industry trying to force flares and 70s compilations down the throats of the young and impressionable, I thought to myself this isn't how I remember the decade in which I spent my teenage years. Of course no one can that the likes of platform shoes caused a lot of pain to the swollen ankles of the 70s fashion victim, but my memories are of skinheads, reggae, bootboys, football hooligans, glam rock, punk rock, 2 Tone and the dawning of a new era.

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I first became interested in the cult in 1970 when, at the age of 12, I moved to Dundee with my family. Dundee at this time had a well established gang culture and skinheads were prominent in a lot of gangs. My loyalties however lay with my old mates back in Montrose and most of my weekends and school holidays were spent with them and initially with the Hillside Boys in particular.

When I first got into the cult, I wore Tuf boots, rolled up jeans, braces and button down collared shirts, with short (but not skinhead) hair. DMs were out of the question at the time because I couldn't get them to fit. When I did get my first pair they were size 5 ox-blood six eyelet Air Wair with a thinner sole and different tread pattern - we called them Junior Martens or Junior Docs. This was late 1970 and it was a year later that I got the look I really wanted. A number four crop, 11 hole highly polished ox-blood Astronauts, Wrangler jeans cut short and worn at the top of my boots with a one inch external turn-up, half inch braces, Ben Sherman shirts, and a Harrington or crombie.

The classic look in Montrose at the time was eight hole ox-blood Air Wair with red or yellow laces, Wrangler jeans with turn-ups, button down Ben Shermans, Wrangler jackets and Harringtons. For a night out you might have worn Frank Wright brogues or loafers, Levi's sta-prest (white, ice blue and off-white were popular, darker colours for school, and a bit later came tonic and Prince Of Wales check), Ben Shermans of course and black or navy blue



Above: The photo shows a Glasgow skinhead in the early 1970s slashing at a plain clothed police officer with a cut throat razor. The policeman is drawing his baton to defend himself. The attack happened in Glasgow's city centre.

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I first became interested in the cult in 1970 when, at the age of 12, I moved to Dundee with my family. Dundee at this time had a well established gang culture and skinheads were prominent in a lot of gangs. My loyalties however lay with my old mates back in Montrose and most of my weekends and school holidays were spent with them and initially with the Hillside Boys in particular.

When I first got into the cult, I wore Tuf boots, rolled up jeans, braces and button down collared shirts, with short (but not skinhead) hair. DMs were out of the question at the time because I couldn't get them to fit. When I did get my first pair they were size 5 ox-blood six eyelet Air Wair with a thinner sole and different tread pattern - we called them Junior Martens or Junior Docs. This was late 1970 and it was a year later that I got the look I really wanted. A number four crop, 11 hole highly polished ox-blood Astronauts, Wrangler jeans cut short and worn at the top of my boots with a one inch external turn-up, half inch braces, Ben Sherman shirts, and a Harrington or crombie.

The classic look in Montrose at the time was eight hole ox-blood Air Wair with red or yellow laces, Wrangler jeans with turn-ups, button down Ben Shermans, Wrangler jackets and Harringtons. For a night out you might have worn Frank Wright brogues or loafers, Levi's sta-prest (white, ice blue and off-white were popular, darker colours for school, and a bit later came tonic and Prince Of Wales check), Ben Shermans of course and black or navy blue blazers. Suits were worn if you could afford them, and usually only by the older blokes. If they were made to measure, it would be a four button jacket with no less than six buttons on the sleeves. A silk handkerchief, red and for a spell tartan, went in the breast pocket, usually with a single peak and a tie tack or hanky pin to hold it in place. Hankies were also worn with blazers and crombies, which had tonic as well as red linings at the time.

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By late '71 a lot of skins were growing their hair and skinheads mixed with suedes (not that many people made any distinction). Others started to have long hair and feathercuts, but still wore what was considered to be skinhead gear. 1972 brought *A Clockwork Orange* to the cinemas and on to the streets. I never adopted the look myself, but some people adapted it and wore black DMs, white sta-prest, white Ben Shermans, black braces, black crombie, bowler hat, eyelash, black umbrella and a local short-lived fad of a white carnation in your lapel just to spiv it up a bit.

Some older mates were into scooters and Lambrettas in particular. They were full-framed scooters with a few mirrors, chrome crash bars, front and rear carriers, back rests on the seats, six foot fibre glass aerials with small flags and maybe a few other accessories to personalise them. Fly screens usually had Montrose or the rider's name on them.

Other modes of transport included Ford Anglias and Mini Coopers, again with aerials and also fur-trimmed dashboards and chequered roofs. Being too young to drive, it was the bus for me or trying not to look too chuffed when I got a lift on the back of a mate's scooter.

Life was about having a good laugh, chasing women, having a drink and looking for aggro. There was no politics, no racism and no drugs. Drugs were for hippies anyway. Aggro was usually with people from neighbouring towns like Arbroath and Brechin. Although not very popular today, Montrose was a seaside resort that used to boast the finest beaches

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Suits were still with four buttons, but with loads of buttons up the sleeves, loads of extra pockets and contrast stitching, and as time passed things became ridiculous with suits in bright colours and buttons and pockets everywhere. Cardigans and jumpers were being made to measure in football colours, and again things were taken to extremes with pockets everywhere.

Things weren't completely fucked up though. DMs, brogues and braces never really went out of fashion and a few blokes in our crew never had hair longer than suedehead. Occasionally, a skinhead haircut would be had and our unofficial leader, Dale Watson, was true to the faith and remained a skinhead throughout. Crombies and Harringtons were always acceptable in our crew, as would have been any skinhead gear, but button down collars and sta-prest just became impossible to find.

Travelling to football and invading other towns, or chasing people who came to your area remained popular sport, as did battling with Aberdeen fans who passed through Montrose on the way to and from games. Loyalties to Celtic, Rangers or anyone else were forgotten when they arrived in Montrose on the way home from a match, and anybody was fair game.

Although reggae never really went away and odd hits appeared throughout the 1970s, glam was the big thing during 1971-74 and even '75. Everyone had their favourite band, whether it was Sweet, Mott The Hoople, Roxy Music, Gary Glitter or whoever. Slade were probably every bootboy's top band and as we know are still well respected by many skins today.

Around the end of '75 and the start of '76, we were getting pissed off with things in general. Most music was boring and crap and even old favourites like Slade were losing it. Good gear was getting harder to find and the skinhead days seemed like a lifetime away.

We were still most definitely a bootboy crew and still wore DMs, the most important part of the bootboy uniform. There were others in different towns who called themselves bootboys, but they didn't look the part in desert boots, Adidas trainers, flared Levi's and

leather jackets.

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Within a month, and much to our annoyance, practically everyone under the age of 18 worth their salt was a skinhead in Montrose. It was also much to the annoyance of the local constabulary who took great pleasure in blaming us for everything from minor acts of vandalism to major disturbances - often with good reason too! We also seemed to get up the noses of older blokes in the town, but we loved our reputation as skinheads.

1977 brought punk to Montrose, and although we didn't like what we read about safety pins and spitting, some of the music did appeal. I don't remember seeing any punks in Montrose before 1979, but maybe someone will dispute that.

I remember buying my first punk single, Anarchy In The UK, and playing it to my mates. It amused us as much as anything, but it did have energy which was lacking in most music of the time. When the Anarchy Tour was announced, featuring bands like the Pistols and The Clash, we planned to go and attack the punks. Sadly, councils up and down the country banned the touring punks and spoiled our anticipated fun.

With the popularity of punk, we became aware of other skins who followed bands like Sham 69, Cock Sparrer and Skrewdriver, who were not openly Nazi at the time. All Screwed Up was crap anyway, and press release photos at the time made them look like a bunch of scruffs.

Across the country, skinheads became popular again. By 1979, 2 Tone was breaking thanks to bands like The Specials, Madness and The Selecter, and to me things couldn't have been better.

Then I got married and work took me away from Montrose. Still by the end of the decade, things had gone full circle. Skinheads were back and about to enter the Eighties, but that's another story.

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All The Bovver Boys Love Slade!

Here is the story of four young men who came from Wolverhampton in the Black Country. Introducing Neville "Noddy" Holder (born 15th June 1950), Jimmy Lea (born 14th June 1952), Dave Hill (born 4th April 1952) and Don Powell (born 10th September 1950).

They began life as The N' Betweens and were to go down in history as the first skinhead group under their better known name of Slade.

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group playing an old R&B number in their own style.

Chas Chandler liked what he heard and was always on the look out for new talent to take to the top, just like he had done with Jimi Hendrix. Ambrose Slade had found themselves a manager. All he needed was some way of making them stand out from all the other bands.

His P.R. man, Keith Altham, had read about the growing skinhead cult and suggested it to Chas. He told the band and before they knew it, they

were marched off to the barbers like newly enlisted soldiers. All had crops, and clothes to suit the image. Dr. Marten boots, jeans that stopped some way above the ankle, braces, collarless shirts and sleeveless pullovers - were hastily acquired.

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All the band needed now was a record deal and Fontana signed them up. The first release was a single in May 1969 called *Genesis*, an instrumental which had appeared on the Ambrose Slade album called *Beginnings*, but it flopped.

Chandler shortened the band's name to Slade and took the band into the studio to record a second single, *Wild Winds Are Blowing*, but it too failed to make any real impression.

Chandler wanted to move the band from Fontana, but couldn't because of the contract. So in March, 1970, Slade released another single, *Shape Of Things To Come*. The B side *C'Mon C'Mon*, a cover from an old Max Storm And The Trooper demo, was used for the sound track of the film, *Wild In The Streets*.

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Slade were playing loud and aggressive music and hoped that the skinheads would adopt it as their own. But it didn't work out quite like that. The real teenage skins up and down the country loved reggae, and to them Slade weren't playing skinhead music. Other kids weren't sure about going to see Slade either - just in case they were playing skinhead music.

"The first gig we did as skinheads was at The Melody Rooms in Norwich," remembers Dave Hill. "We started getting really scared when we walked around London and saw posters of us in our skinhead garb. People in the business, like promoters, figured that we were going on stage to cause trouble and fights between rival gangs in the hall."

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Soon Slade were everybody's favourite band. As the headline said, ALL THE BAD GIRLS LOVE SLADE. But they never hid from or lost their bootboy following.

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SLADE COLLECTABLES

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Hot on the heels of Hammer's *Working Class Anthems* LP, here's another chance to sample the wares of today's new crop of British Oil! bands.

Four bands with four tracks a piece take to the stage on what is Step 1's first venture into new releases as opposed to reissues.

Top of the class are Another Man's Poison courtesy of 2+2=6 and *Skinful*, two fast and furious

street punk outings that underline the potential thisband has. They can only be an inch or two away from coming up with a real classic to rival those from the glory days of Oil!

Not that the other three outfits are left standing. Boisterous come up trumps with a couple of their numbers, with *Just Havin' Fun* getting the CD off to the best of starts. They have a lot going for them and are well worth looking

out for in '94 when they should have their debut album out.

Pressure 28's *How Much?* is right up there too, although the other tracks by them are pretty average affairs. Still, there's nothing to really complain about.

Argy Bargy make a decent debut on the recording front with *Whips And Chains* and *Sex Case*. The vocals on *Whips And Chains* aren't quite right, but with a bit of work it would make a killer single.

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Things get off to a great start with *Sammy Dead* a traditional West Indian number that was a big hit in JA for Eric "Monty" Morris back in '64. If the rest of the album was this good you'd be begging for this outfit to take to the road to spread the early ska gospel to one and all.

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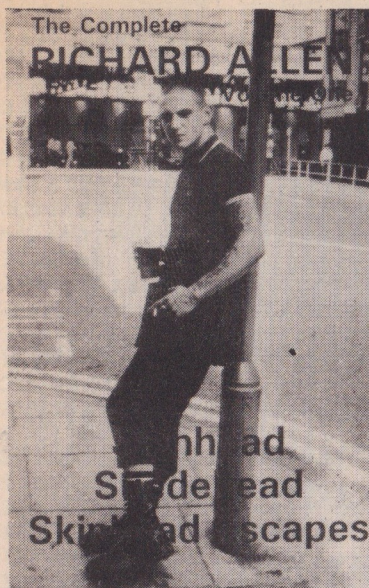
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If you're into skinhead reggae then you are going to love this album to death. 20 prime cuts that go far beyond the usual familiar tracks that get trotted out time after time on compilations like this.

Joe The Boss opens the album with his superb *Skinhead Revolt*, one of only a few reggae cuts that mention skinheads by name and deliver a decent song into the bargain. But just for good measure there's *Skinhead Speaks His Mind from the Hot Rod* All Stars too.

Other classics that would have filled any dancefloor back in the vintage skinhead days include Clancy Jones' *What Will Your Mama Say*, *Death A Come* by Lloyd Chalmers and The Paragons' *Got To Get Away* which features the original outing for the rhythm track used to greatest effect with *Fire Corner*. There are also two songs by one of skinhead reggae's greatest vocalists, Pat Kelly including a version of the soul standard *Dark End Of The Street*.

The Manchester United of this issue's releases and a must buy for any self-respecting skinhead. *****

Singles Bar

VERSKA-VIS / MARTIN DU PONT

CURE DE REDEEM (Magic)
Two tracks dedicated to the memory of Skant, the founder of Verska-Vis who died last year. Both are ska-based, but neither has the makings of anything other than a nice idea to remember a lost friend. **

BOISTEROUS

HARRI WAS A HOOLI
(Hammer)

A good debut single from the North East's boot bairns. The title track loses some of its way with the murky vocals, but will still go down well in Oi! circles. *He Died Hoping* on the flip side is probably the better of two decent tracks. ***

BANANA PEEL SLIPPERS

Fairground (Clifford Records)
A four track debut EP from a German ska band who probably sound better live than they do on vinyl. King Arthur will certainly get your feet moving, but the others are pretty run of the mill, especially Banana Man with its suspect vocals. **

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Under The Boot (Headache)
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PICK OF THE SINGLES

BLANK GENERATION

ANOTHER VICTIM (Hammer)



On the *Working Class Anthems* album, Blank Generation sound like no-hopers. Here they sound so much better it's almost unbelievable. *Another Victim* is an excellent song both musically and lyrically, calling as it does for child murderers to face the death penalty. The band take no prisoners as they storm through one of the best Oi! songs of '93, and the flip side is almost as good too. ****

BRAINDANCE

STREETS OF VIOLENCE
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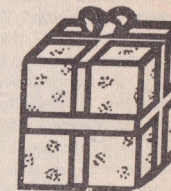


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(It's only available direct from The Magic Carpet Club, P.O. Box 3087, London. NW5 3DZ. England. £12 in the UK, £13 elsewhere)

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Live And Louder (Ainaskin)
Jäsä's best video to date, capturing two very different bands in action plus footage of skins (drunk or very drunk). You'll also get loads of extra stuff too for your money. Along with S.O.S. Bote, this type of video is the only true record of today's skinhead world and should be on everyone's shopping list. Plus Jäsä needs the money to pay his court fines. ****

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YEBO

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RED ALERT

BLOOD, SWEAT N' BEERS (Nightmare)

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WHERE THE FUCK'S THE DEMOS?

Good question. Despite me spending hours listening to them, once again we've run out of space. The same is true for a pile of CDs that are waiting for review. Well, there will be a full round-up of all the releases we've missed this time will be in the next issue. And demos will definitely be there - even if I have to stick them on the front cover they will be in issue 14!

ADS N' STUFF

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•I'm looking to hear from skinheads all over the world. All letters answered. Also a big hello to Slovenian skins and all supporters of FC Olimpija Ljubljana. Stresen Frane, Tugomerjeva 61, 61000 Ljubljana. Slovenia.

•American skingirl wants to hear from skins & skingirls from anywhere. Send letters and photos to Mollie, 1606 S. High St, Bloomington, IN 47401. USA.

•Wanted. Photos of skins from everywhere! S. England, 76 Firtree Rd, Banstead, Surrey. SM7 1NQ. England. •German skinhead would like to hear from skins and skingirls everywhere! Jens Assmann, Leibnizring 32, 14480 Potsdam. Germany (G, E)

•Wanted. Stuff (demos, LPs, t-shirts) of Youth Defense League, Trip 6, U.S. Chaos, etc., and videos of Oppressed, Last Resort, Condemned 84, etc., Kohei Iwata, 7-10-10, Habikigaoka, Habino-City, 583 Osaka. Japan.

•To all the Barcelona Skins and a big hello to the South London Skins. Have a good Xmas and a drunken New Year! From Ian, Kilmarnock Skin.

•Squirm. Angry, in your face hardcore from the Midwest. For releases write to Shane Chapman, 301 North Pearl, Joplin, MO 64801. USA. Also interested in trading tapes.

•Cheers to my American friends Mac, Phil, Ray, John, Armen, Zoya, Perry, Aaron and the others. Congratulations to Julie and Monto! From Vincent and the French Monster Crew.

•Wanted. Last Night by The Marquees (Stax), Soul Finger by The Bar Keys (Atlantic). Also cheap skinhead clothing for a lard arse. Plus anyone to contribute to zine. Mike Johnson, 2 Melville Rd, Winton, Bournemouth. BH9 2PL.

•Skinhead, 14, wants to hear from skinheads all over, especially skingirls. I'm into beer, ska, reggae and Oi!. Olli Rosblom, Kuusistonlinnantie 3C46, 00900 Helsinki. Finland. (E, Fin).

•Amitiés aux Hammers de pau, les deux clockwork Alex, Jean-Marc, José, etc., en attendant les retrouvailles. Manu, Montpellier.

•Does anyone know the whereabouts of BAF or Olivier Bourignon, both skinheads originally from Nice, France. Andi Rangerskins, The Gamekeepers, Mapledurwell, Basingstoke, Hants. RG25 2LU. England (E, F)

•Hello to the Clockwork Orange Scooter Crew from the French Section and the Lutece Boot Boys (best wishes Mick). Also a big hello to Christian (Valence). Lionel.

Siobhan Bowers and Tom Lomax. Congratulations on your marriage. May it be long and happy. From John, Melissa and all your friends in D.C.

•Corinne, have you broken any hearts lately? We'll kick it big time in '94. Cal. Anybody else who knows me I've moved to 5 Beecham Court, Swinton Patios, Mexborough, S.Yorks. S6. Big hello also to Melissa.

•Fay, Wokingham skingirl, thanks for the last year. Looking forward to '94. Love Dave, Wokingham skin, Lord Raglan BFF.

•Skin (19) from Colorado would like to write to traditional skins and rudies worldwide. Into Ska, reggae, soul and Brooklyn style hardcore. Photos appreciated. Chuck Zone, 1628 Carteret, Pueblo, CO 81004. USA. (E). •Ruhrpott Rejects (Oil/Punk Band) mit Platten vertrag sucht Sch!agzeuger und Bassisten im Raum NRW melden bei: Volker Tel 0211 71 25 72.

•American skinhead into Oi! and ska looking for people to write to from all over the world as well as people to contribute to a new skinzine. Send all letters, flyers, photos, etc., to Brian Garvin, 901 S. Warson Rd, St. Louis, MO 63124-1260. USA.

•A message to you Lisi. Without you, baby I'm a loser, we are two of a kind and your love keeps citing me higher and higher. You help me make it through every night and you are the kind of girl I've been looking for. To the smartest girl in the world, love Jorg.

•Loake Loafers for sale. Cheery red, DM sole, size 10 (UK) 10½ (US). Excellent condition. \$40. C.N.B., P.O. Box 6348, Evanston, IL 60204. USA

•Blair. I have nothing against you and I'm sorry you and May got caught up in the shit between Christine and me! Cheers to Kris and Hal and everyone else I met in San Ant. and Austin, Kerr and Eric, Frenchie and Raybees and all my comrades on the Lower East Side, All the O.C. Trads, Hardpack S.C. and Amy and Flick. Tank.

•Help! Locked up skin, 29, wants to buy factory sealed (shrink wrapped) Oi! tapes. I wrote to ROR, Dim, basically every distributor, but nobody sells factory sealed tapes. Prison rules - only factory sealed tapes mailed by a distributor allowed. Also want penpals.

Joe Kirchner 92A2583, ENYCF, Box 338, Napanoch, NY 12458-0338. USA.

•For sale. Original black Alpha flying jacket. Size small. £20. Hardly worn. And Shaun, PLEASE can I have my Two Tone Story back (Yeah, come on Shaun, give the young lady her book back - Ed). Virginia, 74 Western Ave, Ashford, Kent. TN23 1LZ

•Roddy Moreno and French skinheads from FC Nantes Urban Service Crew. I want to contact you. Martin Zychlinski, Wolczanska 141 m 5, 90-525 Lodz, Poland.

•Diane, my little skinhead girl. You have made my life the happiest it has ever been and probably will be. Oi! keep the faith. I love you. Banani xxx. •Skingirls! Coming to Central Florida? Is your sex life boring, dull, unsatisfying? Come down to Orlando and meet some lonely skins. Please!!! Write to Drunk Scratchy, 351 W. Horbeam Dr, Longwood, FL 32779. USA. P.S. We are the greatest crew in America!

•Lower East Side Skin (Rico and Harry where are you?) now living in Orange County, California., looking to hear from skins around the world. As far as I know I am the world's only skinhead clown. I'm a clown at Disneyland and I wear DMs as clown shoes! I enjoy ska, but my faves are Oi! and old hardcore. Also anyone coming to World Cup '94, I'm about 30 minutes from LA and have a large backyard for lots of tents. New York Hardcore lives! Tank, 2032 S. 9th St, Anaheim, CA 92802. USA.

•Anna and Maria. I had a great time this summer. Thanks! Love Zoya. P.S. Anna, watch those rocks on the highway!

•2 Tone. Looking for Dance Craze on video. If any known copies or distributor please send info to Devlin Fish, 18821, Carlton Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546. USA.

•Mark in Rochdale. Have a pint of Boddies for us. The brew in Oz is crap. You're looking more like Andy Ritchie every day. Gary and Lynette xxx. Don't forget to write!

•Mark in Rochdale. Don't forget us - we'll only be a couple of thousand miles away by the time you read this. Keep our seats at Boundary Park warm. We'll be over if we get to the F.A. Cup final. C'mon Oldham! Adele and Jim. Isn't it time you emigrated?

•34 Year old skin, 6ft, 180, brown hair (if I had any) green eyes, German-American. I own a 4 bedroom house and bike shop. Want a tough women to emigrate or visit. I pay. Stay hard. Henry Phillip Thau #965667 I.M.U., Clallum Bay Correction Center, HC63 Box 5000, Clallum Bay, Washington 98326-9775. USA.

•M.I.S. Wanted. Please contact me if you have any copies of the Madness comic that you would sell. Complete set preferred, but anything considered. Top cash prices will be paid. Paul, 4 Manor Ave, Kilmarnock. KA3 1TR.

•Oi! Wanted copy of Made In Britain video. NTSC system, PAL system if need be. S.U.R., 24739 Emerson Dr, Dearborn, Michigan 48124-1537. USA. •Kelly. We're glad you now need The Hair Club For Men. Congratulations on your loss. Ruz, Becky and Janette.

•Skingirl, 22, US Marine, rides Vespa, just moved to Florida. Looking for other skins in my area, but would love to write to skins from anywhere! No Nazis. Robyn Kendall, 220 Young Ave #28, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. USA.

•For Sale. White Ben Sherman, never worn. Will sell for \$25 or trade for short sleeve Ben Sherman with small collars, not the big goofy ones! Please send photo of shirt if trading. Al, P.O. Box 304, Caldwell, NJ 07006. USA.

•Skinhead, 24, wishes to hear from skinhead scooter clubs in the Midlands. DB, 19 Oakfield Rd, Wordsley, Stourbridge, West Midlands. DY8 5XS.

•Anyone who writes to Lisa (Formagin) Walton, my new address is: 1604 Boyeau, Apt. 16, Windsor, Ontario. N8X 3L6. Canada. Sorry I lost touch. A special hello to M.P.

•Barcelona Skin looking for skins, skingirls, mods, modelles and rudies to write to. Into Tattoos, ska, soul, Motown, Oi!, scooters, football, etc., I'm doing a zine called Street Feeling so any help appreciated. Paco de Horna, c/Bailén 107 2o1a, 08009 Barcelona. Spain.

•Si Lock. Fortune's always hiding!!! Miss you, Jen.

Cheers And Beers to Mike Lasater (good luck with the zine and band), Sab, Tim, Dingo and the Stormwatch boys, Zack, K.C., Joy, Duane in NJ, Stevie and everyone else we used to live near. Monto and Justine.

•Urgently Wanted. Johnny Reggae (Piglets), The Painthouse Gang book, anything by US outfit Final Solution. Also watch out for a new split 7" with U.N.C.L.E. and Steel Comb, both Irish Oi!. Geriy, 169 Upper Rathmines Rd, Rathgar, Dublin 6. Ireland.

•American Skinhead would like skins and skingirls to write to. Doing hard time in a military jail. Photos appreciated. Write to Department Of Army, Barry McCarthy, Box 74898, Drawer A, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 66027-7140. USA.

•Simone, we love you, well at least I do. Andi!

•Bobbi and Joe, US skins in London. A big hello from your skingirl mate in Portland. Hope to see you soon! Jen.

•French skinhead is looking for well worn black or cherry Rangers, 14 or 20 holes (or more!) size 9 or 10. Also wants to hear from good looking skingirls and skins from all over the world. No politics please! Will answer all letters! Joël Desprez, 36 Rue Des Abbesses, 75018 Paris. France.

•A Way Of Life zine is looking for writers, bands, reviews, etc., Any help appreciated. Ray Bala, 2857 Kuilele Pl, Honolulu, HI 96819, USA.

•For Sale. Couch Potatoes - The Busters, Out On The Streets - The Selector, El Estado De Las Cosas - Kortatu, and others. Price 8,000 Plats (Plus P&P). Also Loake loafers DM sole. Burgundy, size 7. £35 (P&P included). Will buy northern soul and modern jazz records. If interested write to C.M. P.O. Box 1410, 46080 Valencia. Spain. (E, F, S)

•Thorsten Dietz from Dresden, Germany. Please get in touch. I lost your address and you didn't write it on your last letter. Perry, P.O. Box 6348, Evanston, IL 60204. USA.

•Urban Gones, 1st single out in December. Insert with first 200 copies. 35FF, £4, \$6. Lion Records, c/O Giraud Pascal, 34 Rue Lt. Col Girard, 69007 Lyon. France.

•Wanted. Strength Thru Oi! LP and any bill posters, ads, etc., for Oi!, punk, nationalist bands, gigs, vinyl, etc., Daniel, 2 Holiday Cresc, Silloth, Cumbria. CA5 4NW.

•To my soul brothers Chris and Perry and my true friends in the Brew City; keep on keeping on lads! And to Spanky and Christopher - Green and Gold, the Green and Gold! E-I-E-I-O! Your friend Tom.

•Gütaussehender Skinhead aus San Francisco, Kalifornien. Ich wohne in Deutschland und suche nach einer europäischen Skingirl um eine gemeinsame Zukunft zu entwickeln. Schreibst an Ian Young, Kelly Kaserne Box 24, Eschollbrücker Str. 64295 Darmstadt (G, E, Cz, S)

•Skinhead, 18, lost at college. Into Oi!, ska and hardcore would like to hear from skins and skingirls from around the world, especially Europe. Fred Nelson, 1115 Henninger Hall, WIU, Nacomb, IL 61455. USA.

•Skinhead (26) serving in British Army would like to meet skins and especially skingirls in England, especially around Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Nottingham and Lincoln. Into ska, Oi!, psycho, etc., Photos if possible. 24822903 L/Cpl P. Tebeli, (RIT) ATR, Basingbourn Barracks, Royston, Herts. (E).

•To John from London. Cheers for the ska tapes (live Specials). Please could you send me your address again. I misplaced it. Waiting to hear. Weston skin Rebecca.

•For Sale. Black 8 hole DMs, size 4 in excellent condition. £15. Phone Denise 0703 255421 or write to Denise, 1 Mead Rd, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hants. S05 2FB. England.

•Rude Boy, 27 years old, Madness, Manners and ska fan, looking for other fans all over the world. No racists. JP Boutellier, 46 Rue Hadancourt, 95340 Ramouillet, (E, F, S)

•To Chris Butler. Congratulations on your wedding and ll the best for the future from Montse and Pepe.

•Oi! Arfur, Skingirls Don't Fear. Write soon mate. Cheers, Tom, Berks. Keep on stomping.

•Oi! Oi! Could anyone who knows Melissa (formerly of Hono., now of NY?) or J.D. (Jennifer Dana) straightedge skingirl formerly of NJ(?) get them to get in touch with Adam, 51 Tynwald Hill, Liverpool, L13 7DN.

While I'm here, pair of size 10, 14 up, ox blood D.M.s for sale. £20. •Skinhead 15 möchte gern von Skingirls (alter egal!) Post bekommen. Hörst Oil, Saufhardcor und nen' bisse! Ska. Bitte schickt mit Photo. Beantworte jeden Brief! Alex Liczba, Sulburging 11, 3490 Bad Driburg. Deutschland (G)

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*Squirr. Angry, in your face hardcore from the Midwest. For releases write to Shane Chapman, 301 North Pearl, Joplin, MO 64801. USA. Also interested in trading tapes.

*Cheers to my American friends Mac, Phil, Ray, John, Armen, Zoya, Perry, Aaron and the others. Congratulations to Julie and Monto! From Vincent and the French Monster Crew.

*Wanted. Last Night by The Marquees (Stax), Soul Finger by The Bar Keys (Atlantic). Also cheap skinhead clothing for a lard arse. Plus anyone to contribute to zine. Mike Johnson, 2 Melville Rd, Winton, Bournemouth. BH9 2PL.

*Skinhead, 14, wants to hear from skinheads all over, especially skingirls. I'm into beer, ska, reggae and Oi!. Olli Rosblom, Kuusistonlinnantie 3C46, 00900 Helsinki. Finland. (E,Fin).

*Amities aux Hammers de pau, les deux clockwork Alex, Jean-Marc, José, etc., en attendant les retrouvailles. Manu, Montpellier.

*Does anyone know the whereabouts of BAF or Olivier Bourgion, both skinheads originally from Nice, France. Andi Rangerskins, The Gamekeepers, Mapledurwell, Basingstoke, Hants. RG25 2LU. England (E,F).

*Hello to the Clockwork Orange Scooter Crew from the French Section and the Lutece Boot Boys (best wishes Mick). Also a big hello to Christian (Valence). Lionel.

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*A message to you. I wish. Without you, baby I'm a loser, we are two of a kind and your love keeps citing me higher and higher. You help me make it through every night and you are the kind of girl I've been looking for. To the smartest girl in the world, love Jorg.

*Loake Loafers for sale. Cheery red, DM sole, size 10 (UK) 10½ (US). Excellent condition. \$40. C.N.B., P.O. Box 6348, Evanston, IL 60204. USA

*Blair. I have nothing against you and I'm sorry you and May got caught up in the shit between Christine and me! Cheers to Kris and Hal and everyone else I met in San Ant. and Austin, Kerr and Eric, Frenchie and Raybees and all my comrades on the Lower East Side, All the O.C. Trads, Hardpack S.C. and Amy and Flick. Tank.

*Help! Locked up skin, 29, wants to buy factory sealed (shrink wrapped) Oi! tapes. I wrote to ROR, Dim, basically every distributor, but nobody sells factory sealed tapes. Prison rules - only factory sealed tapes mailed by a distributor allowed. Also want penpals. Joe Kirchner 92A2583, ENYCF, Box 338, Napanoch, NY 12458-0338. USA.

*For sale. Original black Alpha flying jacket. Size small. £20. Hardly worn. And Shaun, PLEASE can I have my Two Tone Story back (Yeah, come on Shaun, give the young lady her book back - Ed). Virginia, 74 Western Ave, Ashford, Kent. TN23 1LZ.

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P.S. Anna, watch those rocks on the highway!

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*Mark in Rochdale. Have a pint of Boddies for us. The brew in Oz is crap. You're looking more like Andy Ritchie every day. Gary and Lynette xxx. Don't forget to write!

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*34 Year old skin, 6ft, 180, brown hair (if I had any) green eyes, German-American. I own a 4 bedroom house and bike shop. Want a tough woman to emigrate or visit. I pay. Stay hard. Henry Phillip Thau #965667 I.M.U., Clallum Bay Correction Center, HC63 Box 5000, Clallum Bay, Washington 98326-9775. USA.

*M.I.S. Wanted. Please contact me if you have any copies of the Madness comic that you would sell. Complete set preferred, but anything considered. Top cash prices will be paid. Paul, 4 Manor Ave, Kilmarnock. KA3 1TR.

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Horna, c/Bailén 107 201a, 08009 Barcelona. Spain.

*Si Lock. Fortune's always hiding!!! Miss you, Jen.

Cheers And Beers to Mike Lasater (good luck with the zine and band), Sab, Tim, Dingo and the Stormwatch boys, Zack, K.C., Joy, Duane in NJ, Stevie and everyone else we used to live near. Monto and Justine.

*Urgently Wanted. Johnny Reggae (Piglets), The Painhouse Gang book, anything by US outfit Final Solution. Also watch out for a new split 7" with U.N.C.I.E. and Steel Comb, both Irish Oi!. Gery, 169 Upper Rathmines Rd, Rathgar, Dublin 6, Ireland.

*American Skinhead would like skins and skingirls to write to. Doing hard time in a military jail. Photos appreciated. Write to Department Of Army, Barry McCarthy, Box 74898, Drawer A, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 66027-7140. USA.

*Simone, we love you, well at least I do. Andi!

*Bobbi and Joe, US skins in London. A big hello from your skingirl mate in Portland. Hope to see you soon! Jen.

*French skinhead is looking for well worn black or cherry Rangers, 14 or 20 holes (or more!) size 9 or 10. Also wants to hear from good looking skingirls and skins from all over the world. No politics please! Will answer all letters! Joël Desprez, 36 Rue Des Abbesses, 75018 Paris. France.

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keep on keeping on lads! And to Spanky and Christopher - Green and Gold, the Green and Gold! E-I-E-I-O! Your friend Tom.

*Gütausseherender Skinhead aus San Francisco, Kalifornien. Ich wohne in Deutschland und suche nach einer europäischen Skingirl um eine gemeinsame Zukunft zu entwickeln. Schreib an Ian Young, Kelly Kaserne Box 24, Eschollbrücker Str. 64295 Darmstadt (G, E, Cz, S)

*Skinhead, 18, lost at college. Into Oi!, ska and hardcore would like to hear from skins and skingirls from around the world, especially Europe. Fred Nelson, 1115 Henninger Hall, WIU, Nacomb, IL 61455. USA.

*Skinhead (26) serving in British Army would like to meet skins and especially skingirls in England, especially around Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Nottingham and Lincoln. Into ska, Oi!, psycho, etc., Photos if possible. 24822903 L/Cpl P. Tebali, (RIT) ATR, Basingstoun Barracks, Royston, Herts. (E).

*To John from London. Cheers for the ska tapes (live Specials). Please could you send me your address again. I misplaced it. Waiting to hear. Weston skin Rebecca.

*For Sale. Black 8 hole DMs, size 4 in excellent condition. £15. Phone Denise 0703 255421 or write to Denise, 1 Mead Rd, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hants. SO5 2FB. England.

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•American hammer skin looking for penpals, especially skin girls. I'm into tat-2s, guns and the outdoors and having a laugh. Grant, P.O. Box 3404, St. Louis, MO 63143, USA.
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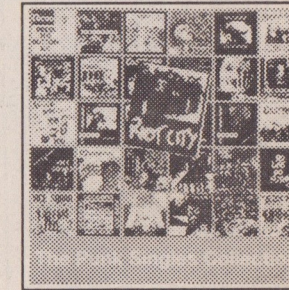
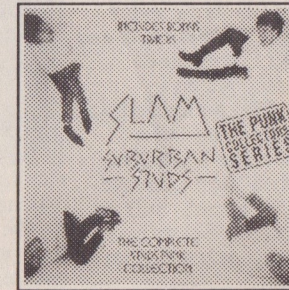
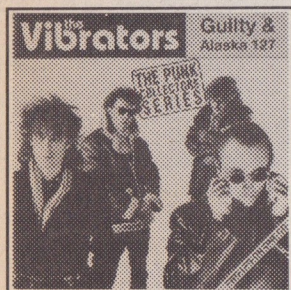
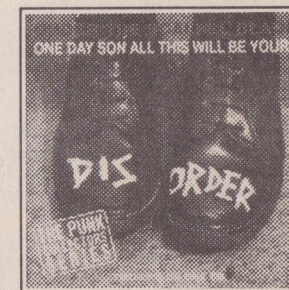
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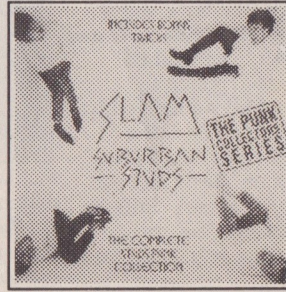
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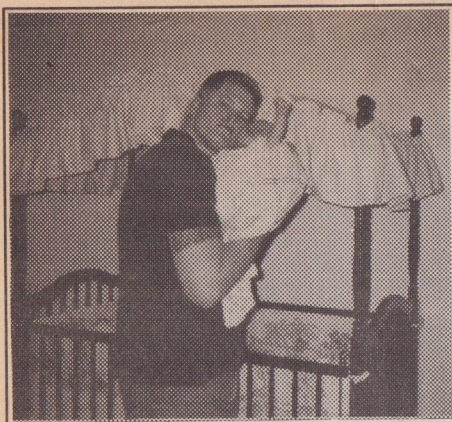
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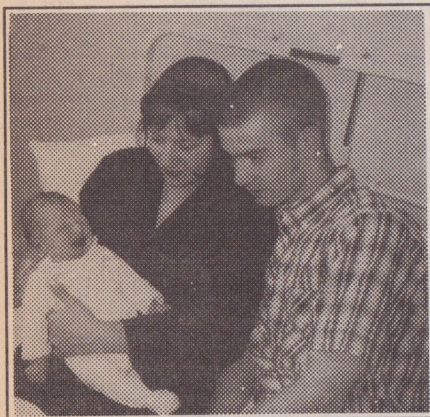
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Above left is Jeff Duchin from Tucson, Arizona, with his baby daughter, Brittney.

Above is Wigan skin and proud father, Kevin Govan with his son Joe.

And on the left are Brummy skins Ellen and Mark with their newborn son Stafford James who weighed in at a healthy 7½ pounds.



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WOT NO SPACE?

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BOOK UPDATE

A quiet end to the year book-wise from S.T. Publishing, but that doesn't mean we haven't been busy! Early next year look out for two great new novels. *England Belongs To Me* is by ex-skinhead Steve Goodman and is an excellent political thriller set in the skinhead - punk world of 1977. Then there's Joe Mitchell's *Saturday's Heroes*, which follows a skinhead gang of football hooligans on their travels. Music-wise we've got *Boss Sounds - A Guide To Skinhead Reggae* by Marc Griffiths and *You're Wondering Now - A History Of The Specials* by Paul Williams.

Full details on all the above books will be in the next issue.

Brogue Boots

We still have a few pairs of brogue boots left in various sizes. If you are interested in getting a pair, let us know you're size and preferred colour (black or rich tan) and we will let you know if they are available. Once these pairs have gone you won't get them anywhere else.

Competition Time!

We've got some great posters saying THE KIDS THEY COME FROM EVERYWHERE - THE EAST END'S ALL AROUND. To be in with a chance of winning one, just answer this question. What was the name of The Business' debut album? Thanks to Bronco Bullfrog for the posters! Entries should be sent to the usual S.T. address.

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No One Ever Took The Den

Millwall's ground The Den was closed and sold to property developers at the end of last season. Alan, one of the last of the Millwall Skinheads, was at the farewell party.

One Law For Us?

My interest in Manchester United goes about as far as looking out for their captain Steve Bruce - who you won't be surprised to hear used to play for the famous Gillingham F.C. Also, as any primary school kid will tell you, the fact that Gillingham beat United in a friendly at the start of last year's Championship winning season means that the Gills are really the best team in England. And probably the world.

But life's a bastard and it was Manchester United who were expected to fly the flag so proudly for England in this season's European Cup. On the field things didn't go to plan. A surprise 3-3 home draw at home to Turkish champions to Galatasaray was followed by a 0-0 draw away from home and so United were out.

What happened off the field though was a total disgrace, and if it had happened in England, you can guarantee that United and all other English clubs would have once again been banned from Europe.

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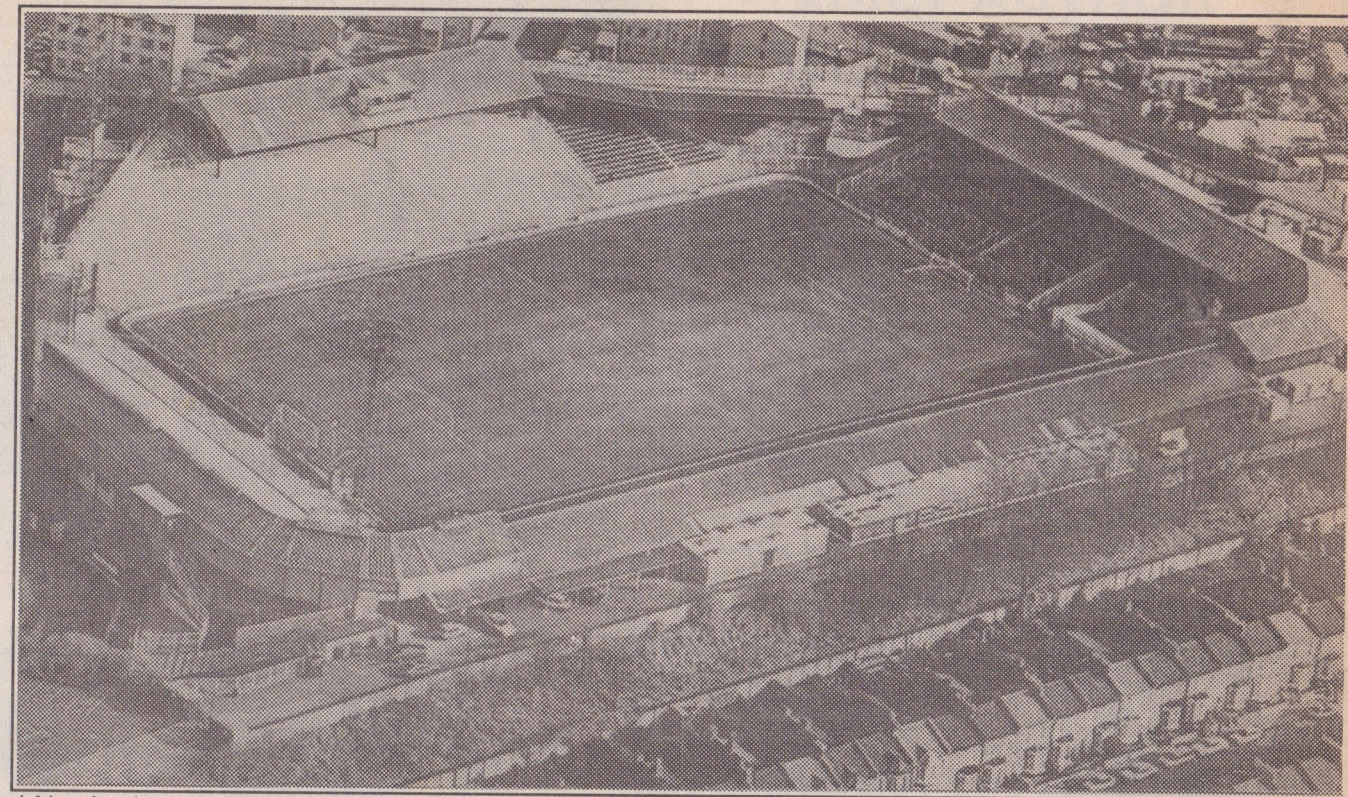
SITTING DOWN at 3pm on my plastic seat at "The New Den", the brand spanking new all-seater state of the art home of Millwall F.C., I contemplate our future in the "most ambitious British football stadium ever".

At ten past four, I'm leaving early as Southend score their fourth against us. Fifteen quid to watch us get stuffed, and no pushing or trying to kill visiting players (well, not much). Not at all like our old Cold Blow Lane home of only last season which died on May 8th, 1993 with our last league game of the season against Bristol Rovers (murdered by Reg Burr, our wide boy Chairman).

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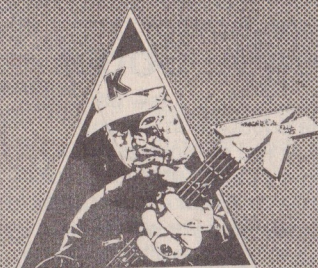
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